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VICTORY FOR AL SMITH IS ASSURED, SAYS DAVID LAWRENCE

CITES UP-STATE FOR SMITH; TO WIN BY GOOD PLURALITY. NOTED OBSERVER'S FINDING

Miller Will Reach Bronx With Too Few Votes to Overcome Avalanche Here.

IS ON THE DEFENSIVE.

Places Where Labor Is Strong Turn Against Party of Daugherty Injunction.

By David Lawrence.

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Al Smith, Democrat, personally popular beyond the strength of his party, the man who made the most remarkable run of any Democratic candidate in the United States against the Republican landslide of 1920 and now drafted again for service as Governor, will undoubtedly be elected over Gov. Nathan Miller, Republican, in the Empire State next week.

Some national tides are running here; there will be some significance to the votes of the cities here and there which may give comfort to those looking for Nation-wide currents, but it is Al Smith, the self-made man, the fearless public servant, a real personality in American politics, who will win—not the Democratic Party.

Any one who could come near to winning the Governorship in a year when the Presidential nominee of the opposite party carried the State by the unprecedented majority of a million votes would seem to have, on paper at least, the better chance of winning. This would be easy to forecast if one were sure that Al Smith is as popular to-day as he was two years ago and that conversely Gov. Miller is not as strong.

For one thing Gov. Miller has been in office. The incumbent is on the defensive always. Al Smith is on the offensive. He is not new and inexperienced and talks about the job with much more fluency than the average candidate for Governor who resorts to promises and pledges without really knowing the practical side. Gov. Miller, on the other hand, who is one of the outstanding figures in the Republican Party in the Nation, is a man of rare intellect and an aggressive figure. He is not the kind of a man who is called a "good mixer" in politics. He is positive and firm and is really Presidential caliber. His ardent admirers have hoped that if he triumphed for Governor again he would be carefully considered for the Republican Presidential nomination in the event that circumstances or personal wish persuaded Mr. Harding not to run for a second term.

But, unfortunately for Gov. Miller, he is running against the most difficult candidate to beat who has appeared in a generation. Totally unlike Hughes, who gained popularity by his spectacular fights against boss rule, unlike any of the other Governors who came after Hughes, Al Smith is more of the Cleveland type—a man of the people. He is one of those "human beings in politics" which the mass seems to like.

Issues, of course, are made in every campaign, but the New York State contest will be decided on the basis of

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First in Number of Positions Offered

THE WORLD, through the "Help Wanted" Ads., offers its readers the choice of more positions than all the other New York newspapers combined.

"Help Wanted" Ads., October, 1922:
THE WORLD.....104,901 ads.
The Times.....15,010 ads.
The American.....9,379 ads.
The Herald.....5,873 ads.
The Tribune.....321 ads.

THE WORLD'S Majority 74,318 ads.

78% of all the October "HELP WANTED" Ads. were printed in THE WORLD.

T. DE WITT CUYLER DIES SUDDENLY IN PRIVATE CAR

Director of P. R. R. Was Prominent Figure in Shop-craft Strike Negotiations.

APOPLEXY THE CAUSE.

Found Dead in Berth by Porter Who Went to Arouse Him.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 2.—Thomas Dewitt Cuyler, a director of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and Chairman of the Railroad Executives' Association, was found dead to-day in the



THOMAS DEWITT CUYLER

private car of President Rea of the Pennsylvania, in Broad Street station. Mr. Cuyler was in Rochester, N. Y., yesterday, and was apparently in good health.

The private car arrived at Broad Street Station early to-day and was placed on a sidetrack. According to instructions a porter called Mr. Cuyler at 8 A. M. He received no response and, becoming alarmed, summoned an attendant and a physician. The doctor pronounced Mr. Cuyler dead from a heart attack. He had been dead a little more than an hour, according to the physician.

Mr. Cuyler, who, as Chairman of the Railroad Executives' Association was especially prominent in the recent efforts to adjust the troubles arising from the strike of the railway shopmen, was born in Philadelphia Sept. 28, 1854. He was graduated from Yale in the class of 1874 and two years later was admitted to the practice of law. The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by Lafayette in 1915 and by Yale in 1920.

He was an officer or director in forty-one corporations, mainly banks and railroads, among them being the Bankers' Trust and the Equitable Trust Companies of New York, the Santa Fe, New York and New Haven, Ontario and Western, Long Island and Interborough of New York and the Equitable Life Assurance Association.

Among the associations and clubs to which he belonged were the Society of the Cincinnati, the Philadelphia and Rittenbush Clubs of Philadelphia and the University and Union of New York. His home was at Haverford, Pa.

Mr. Cuyler was also interested in music and was a director of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York and of a similar organization in Philadelphia.

FIRE ROUTS PATRONS IN ALCAZAR HOTEL

Overheated Furnace Causes Blaze Confined to Barber Shop.

Fire in the barber shop of the Alcazar Hotel at Nos. 43-47 West 23d Street, just off Broadway, brought guests out of their rooms up as far as the fifth floor at 9 o'clock to-day. The blaze was confined to the barber shop.

The furnace in the basement is believed to have become overheated and set fire to the flooring. It burned through the pipe connection channel wells which led to the rooms in the upper part of the building, conducting smoke into the apartments of the guests.

William Royack, thirty-one years old, of No. 49 Washington Street, fell from a sixth floor window of a building at Hudson and North Moore Streets to-day. He was taken to the Volunteer Hospital with a fractured skull.

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Girl, 4, Dies Failing to Save Baby With Escape Cut Off by Flames Set by Mother's Blazing Dress



WOMAN IN FLIGHT WITH CLOTHES BURNING REACHES STREET SAFELY, BUT CHILDREN PERISH IN EACH OTHER'S ARMS.

Mrs. John Connors was able to leave St. Catherine's Hospital in Brooklyn to-day and go to take her last look at the fire-wrecked home in which her four-year-old daughter Dorothy died in a vain attempt to save the life of her four months' old brother, John Jr.

Mrs. Connors was cooking supper last evening over the gas range in the kitchen of the dilapidated two-story rear tenement in which she lived. The lone bachelor, Miller, who lived on the upper floor, had not come home from work.

The loose wrapper which Mrs. Connors wore over her dress blew into the flame of the stove. She fell in fright as it blazed up.

Dorothy tried to tear the dress from her mother, who scrambled up, crying: "Don't! You'll only set fire to yourself," and ran out through the narrow hall to the street. She passed through flimsy portieres at the front hall entrance to the kitchen. Dorothy, carrying little Jack, tried to follow, but the blazing hangings drove them back.

The whole stairway fairly flashed into flames which burned back through the kitchen wall and cut off the back entrance to the house. Dorothy carried Jack into the bedroom furthest from the fire, crawled under the bed and hugged him tight. There the firemen, searching the ruins with hand lamps, found them dead an hour later.

Their mother had refused to be taken to a hospital until she knew what had happened to the children. When she was told, she fainted. Up to midnight permanent destruction of her mind was feared.

LARYNGITIS STOPS LODGE'S TOUR.

BOSTON, Nov. 2.—Senator Lodge has been obliged to cancel all immediate speaking engagements in his campaign for re-election because of laryngitis. It was said at headquarters of the Republican State Committee to-day. Hope was expressed that he would be in condition to speak again Saturday.

High School Boy Kills Himself; Carried Clipping About Firebug

Death of New Rochelle Youth Accident, Say Parents, but Police Start Investigation.

Cedric Van Allen, fifteen-year-old high school student, was found dead with a bullet hole in his right temple in the attic of a garage in the rear of his home here to-day by John Mullineux, who lives near by.

Corner Fitzgerald, who was summoned, hesitated to render a decision as to whether the boy was a suicide or had shot himself accidentally. An old .32-caliber revolver was found beside the body. One bullet had been fired from it.

In the boy's pocket was found a clipping from a New York newspaper which contained the story of numerous recent tenement house fires in Manhattan.

Van Allen had been dead since yesterday afternoon, the coroner said.

Dr. Carol T. Stevens, a local physician, expressed the belief that it was an accidental shooting, and this opinion was concurred in by the boy's family.

The boy's mother said he had been running since noon yesterday, but she did not think his absence unusual, as he was in the habit of going on hunting trips for several days. Local police are investigating.

60 DISABLED VETS AND 25 GIRLS FLEE BROOKLYN FIRE

Gas Victims in War Trapped by Flames Near L. I. Station.

FIREMAN IS INJURED.

Crowd of 7,000 Watches Fight Against Stubborn Blaze Threatening Building.

Sixty ex-service men, most of whom had been gassed during the war, now being instructed in photography in a Government vocational school, and twenty-five girls employed in a knitting mill, fled down rear fire-escapes at 11 o'clock to-day from a fire in the building at Nos. 102-110 Flatbush Avenue, near the Long Island Railroad Station, Brooklyn, that required three alarms and threatened at one time to consume the entire structure.

For about three-quarters of an hour the firemen had all they could do to gain control of the fire, and apparently were called from Manhattan to aid them. The fire was so severely burned by back-draught that he had to be taken to the hospital. A crowd, estimated at not less than 7,000 persons, gathered to watch the blaze and the reserves of four precincts were called out to handle it.

Service on the elevated and surface lines in that part of Flatbush Avenue was disrupted for a time and then diverted through Fulton Street and Third Avenue by emergency crews.

The estimated damage done by the fire was \$30,000, the flames being confined to the cellar and two stories. But smoke and water did much damage throughout the building.

A little more than two years ago, while Caruso was singing in the nearby Academy of Music, a five-alarm fire almost destroyed the same building, causing much excitement in the audience of the Academy.

The fire was discovered in the cellar of the building under the store of the Radio Corporation at No. 102 Flatbush Avenue, a dense smoke rolling from the outside gratings. A first alarm was quickly followed by a second and then by a third, by which time the firemen, under direction of Deputy Fire Commissioner William E. Thompson, had all they could do to make any progress fighting it.

From the cellar the flames spread to the radio store and then to the adjoining clothing store of Riechle & Cornell. It was the first fireman to enter the cellar, Edward J. Miller of Engine No. 256, who was caught in the back draft. He was badly burned about the face and hands and, after treatment by Surgeon Smith of the department, was removed to Brooklyn Hospital.

The ex-service men were under instruction on the third and fourth floors of the five-story building, occupied by the New York Institute of Photography. They first tried the stairs when the smoke began rolling up, and then were forced to the fire escapes on the State Street side of the building. The twenty-five girls were employed on the top floor in the Lombard Knitting Mill, and they, too, rushed to the rear fire escapes and got to the ground in safety.

All other persons also got out of the building in safety, according to the police.

So quickly and in such numbers did a crowd collect about the building that the reserves, under Capt. Matthew J. Kennedy, had to drive it back a considerable distance to enable the firemen to work unhampered.

MANY CONGRATULATE HARDING ON BIRTHDAY

Stays Home in Morning, Works After Lunch and Plays Golf.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Messages of congratulations from all parts of the world were stacked high on President Harding's desk to-day, celebrating him on his 57th birthday anniversary. The President spent the day quietly. The only special privilege he allowed himself was a reduced engagement list of callers.

He spent the morning with Mrs. Harding, going over to his office at noon for the day's routine at his desk. A round of golf was scheduled for late in the afternoon.

Two years ago to-day Harding celebrated his 55th birthday waiting rooms which elected him President by the largest majority ever given a Presidential candidate.

PROSECUTOR APPLIES TESTS TO MRS. HALL'S INTERVIEW AS DISCREPANCIES APPEAR

Mott's Attitude One of Amusement as He Begins the Study of Marked Transcript of Widow's Lengthy Statement to Reporters, Now Said to Contradict Earlier Testimony.

Mills Bitterly Resents Widow's Remarks About His Slain Wife, Charging Her With Trying Only to Protect Her Own Family—Sees Flaw in Her Account of Meeting Him.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 2.—While Special Deputy Attorney General Mott has not been seen about the court house, both he and his special investigator, Lieut. George Mason of Newark, have gone over the transcript of the long interview of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall with newspaper reporters yesterday.

Mason, soon after his arrival at 8 o'clock, had noted for Mr. Mott with a penit on the margin of the transcript, the discrepancies which made the latest interview almost amusing. It was in view of statements which have preceded it and have been sworn to by Mrs. Hall, members of the Stevens family and household servants.

Of such is the difference between the interview and the first documentary statement given out for Mrs. Hall a week after the finding of the bodies, in which she said she entered her home in the morning of Sept. 15 at about 3 o'clock with her brother William. Miss Sallie Stevens repeated the same statement for her. So did her lawyer, Mr. Pfeiffer. The hour was certainly firmly fixed in her mind. Yesterday she advanced the time to 3.30.

Mrs. Hall, in answer to the reporters' questions, said she dressed and went to the church and past the Mills home in search of her missing husband about 2.30 A. M. and returned home about 3.30. Detective Mason said they had two witnesses who would testify that she entered her home at 2.10. These are William Phillips, a watchman at a college near the Hall home, and A. H. Bennett, a neighbor, whose dog barked and got him out of bed when Mrs. Hall passed. Detective Mason said he would not discuss other parts of the interview until he had read it through.

These same two witnesses disagree with Mrs. Hall on another point. She insists her brother "Willie" Stevens, was with her, and both Phillips and Bennett say she was alone.

These discrepancies apparently have a meaning of their own to the Prosecutor and are regarded with eager interest as to the motive for making them.

It would not surprise the investigators to have Mrs. Hall explain that she first went out at 2 o'clock, became frightened a hick away and came back to ask Willie to accompany her and waited for him to get dressed.

COMMENT ON REPUDIATION OF LOVE LETTERS.

They also comment on what they call the failure of Mrs. Hall to make an assertion that she does not believe the letters and diary in her husband's handwriting and apparently addressed to Mrs. Mills are genuine or that they indicate an amorous zeal on the part of the minister.

She was with Mr. Hall in Maine when the diary was written. She accompanied Mr. Hall on his excursion about the country and knew of his ramblings alone. She knew of camouflage letters to Mr. Hall which the minister's diary commends Mrs. Mills for sending. She knew of the post cards Mrs. Hall sent to the North. Had not formed an opinion about the propriety of her conduct. I meeting the Rev. Mr. Hall and exchanging notes with him was all right for Mr. Hall, how in heaven's name would it be right for Norah?

"The whole thing sounds as though Mrs. Hall for the sake of the money, respectability of her family and able to act as though she had no feelings."

CASSESE RUM TRIAL PUT OFF TO NOV. 20

At the request of George Gordon Burt, counsel for Anthony Casse, alleged rum runner, Federal Judge Garvin in Brooklyn to-day agreed to postpone until Nov. 20 of the trial of Casse, which had been set for to-day.

A. W. Ward of Englewood arrived noon, and said the girl died almost instantly. Her body was removed to Hackensack.

Levinson was arrested and arraigned before Justice J. S. McCain. To-day he is in custody of his cousin and will appear before the prosecutor in Hackensack.

Charles Frey, who lives nearby, heard the crash and rushed to the assistance of the two. He telephoned the Englewood Hospital and an ambulance was rushed to the scene. Dr. A. W. Ward of Englewood arrived noon, and said the girl died almost instantly. Her body was removed to Hackensack.

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